are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 15-42 are added. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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Substitute Abstract

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides an electroluminescent device having a structure that may include a light-emitting layer composed of, for example, at least an organic polymer between an anode and a cathode, and may also include a thin-film layer disposed between the light-emitting layer and the cathode, the thin-film layer suppressing unnecessary current which does not contribute to light emission.